We hope to see Geo. Thompson here at the beginning of the week to canvass the merits of the cause, with his aid & to obtain a little relaxation & country air for himself. He has been in his mind more than usual, of late, which we know to be very sure it is painful to him, to appear to be standing aloof. R. E. Hemmond left us only yesterday, after paying us a visit of a week. He is in good health now, & is getting on well. I can truly say, that the more we have seen of him, the more highly do we appreciate his character - his gentle, christian forbearance, his candour & honesty - & his abilities in serving the great cause which he is sacrificing so much to advocate. His cause is wise & judicious, & upright & honest - & he is exciting a warm interest in the question of American slavery, by his powerful & convincing appeals. He gave three lectures here, & is to be seen both at Newcastle & Sunderland. & has also addressed large audiences at Shields, Durham, Stockton, Gateshead, &c. He requested to be kindly remembered to his friends

Here is our excellent friend G. B. Rogers - I was grieved to see a notice of his being ill in one of the papers last day or two. I trust & Herald soon him by the last packet. We are hoping to see them & their children soon - Such they will visit us at our own home - but at any rate, we anticipate the pleasure of meeting them in London - it will indeed be a treat; & this brings to the scenes of last year, with all of which they are so intimately identified in my mind. Well, this Convention was not what it should have been, & shall always be viewed, it was said, if for no other reason than that it brought us into acquaintance with so many of the choice spirits of America. And I trust & hope we shall yet meet again on earth. Remember me most kindly to all whom I know - the Winslows, & Southwicks, Geo. Bradburn - Mrs Walsh &c &c - Much & tenderly to her & Mr. Westminster

We are truly glad to hear the improved state of Mrs Chapman's health - but it is a subject of heartfelt gratitude to the Lord that they have left us this long time. My father sends his kindest remembrance - he is well - unto his is very busy.

Mrs Chapman
25 Green Street
Bayswater

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JAN 1841

Mrs Chapman's letter

We are truly glad to hear that dear Mrs Chapman's health is improved & that she is able to write a few lines to you. Mr Chapman has been very unwell for some time past, & his medical friends have recommended change of air & scene as the best means of restoring him to health. He has been suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis, which has left behind it a cough which is very distressing to him. He has been obliged to relinquish his professional engagements for the present, & we are now staying at Bayswater for the benefit of change of air. We have been here about a month, & I am happy to say that he is much better than he was when we came. We hope to return to London in a few weeks, when we shall be glad to see you & dear Mrs Chapman at our house. We have a very pleasant house in Green Street, Bayswater, & we should be very glad to see you there. We have a very pleasant neighbourhood, & we think you would like it. We have a very pleasant garden, & we have a very pleasant view from the windows. We have a very pleasant time here, & we hope you will come & see us soon. We have a very pleasant time here, & we hope you will come & see us soon. We have a very pleasant time here, & we hope you will come & see us soon.

that, to trace them with the expectation of - all this little tittle-tattle [illegible] as such an discussion, if - carried - is calculated to injure the reputation, I would like them to notice it - in the next. Most assured, that - all these things shake not - the confidence of - those who really know them, in the christian or the unstained character. On the contrary, they do but - cause the true-hearted - Seniors to stick the closer by them - to feel a pleasure in identifying themselves with one who is persecuted for righteousness' sake, - to count it - also joy - to be called to sacrifice their own standing in the eyes of - this passing - world, in the defence of - a dear - valued, tho' ex-communicated friend. Accordingly however [illegible] wish that - they had kept - their sight - to abide by the sentiment - [illegible] - uttered at the opening of - the Sabbath Convention - that - no one who denied the divine authority - of the Scriptures, could properly take part in it - , and the field - it - chosen for the discussion of - an "extraneous topic" - yet - if - the object - of - the convention really was, to arrive at - the truth - regarding the Sabbath, the Church - the ministry, I cannot see - how the object could be attained, except - by agreeing on the standard of - appeal - which, of course, must be the Bible. So far as I understand the resolution proposed at - the recent - sitting of - the Convention by Mr. Colver (which Mr. Weston mentions in a letter [illegible] I think I could [illegible] fully concurred in it - - it seems to be the only safe ground on which to discuss such questions - on all points of doctrine - the revelations of - the Divine will, - the Scriptures must be the standard. I think it is evident - that - there were some fearfully unsound opinions expressed, - tho' it is absurd - to-clinders to charge [illegible] make [illegible] there as being the case, answerable for what was said. I wish for the sake of - the individuals who hold such, that - they would endeavour to answer such of - their errors as they are intended - knowing they I know they will - meet these remarks, with - a - faithful - & - fearless denunciation of - sin - & error in general, I have sometimes been surprised at - the clamour - such sentiments, to pass unnoticed - we shall look forward with feelings of - much interest - to the report of - your annual meetings in May - & the indications which they hold out - for the future. It looks to me clear for the time; old, long-tried friends of the slave as they [illegible] the ground are soon re-left - course, unimpeded by the efforts of - new organizations to hinder their is very much to be thankful for, in the progress of the general question. And, since, there we do heartily rejoice with you, in the victory achieved by the release of the Amistad captives. It is a glorious triumph, calculated to strike terror into the heart of the oppressor. The barriers raised up by the combined injustice against - colour seem rapidly giving way before the light - of - truth - & love. And how we have much to encourage us, regarding our British Indian movement. - The interest - in its behalf - is fast - increasing in this country; - the amount - from India, of - the increased cultivation of - sugar - & other articles of - tropical produce are very cheering. - The recent act - of - Parliament - equalizing the duties on has now placed the sugars of the East - Indies on an equal footing with that of the West; When similar encouragement is given to the cultivation of - cotton, by relieving the lands [illegible] - in its growth, from their present heavy burdens, we may hope to see our markets filled with the cotton of India instead of - that - of slave holding America.

valuable letter, an ext. from which (the same as the one inclosed) I forwarded to the London Committee, with the request that they would forward it to Scotland the ext. from Colver had been sent. If I can find time, I will inclose a copy of my observations on the subject — merely, in order that you may see the position in which they stand, in relation to the circulation of that calumnious document. And yet I confess, I am almost astonished at the conduct of Stuart in the transaction; it is wholly irreconcileable with the Golden Rule of doing as we would be done by. We are having 200 copies of the ext. from Follen's letter, printed for gratuitous distribution. It is also sent for insertion in the "Irish Friend". The article of Phelps in the N. Y. Union Advocate, has been, in all its disgusting details, very extensively circulated in this vicinity — & strange to say, it has done great temporary damage to the cause of "Old Organization"; & appears to afford a "Low Lurch" for the depraved appetites of a large number of the deluded, but well-intentioned friends of the slave. I scarcely know whether I should have mentioned alluded to this document; for it appears to me too disgusting to shock you with the thought. I feel that some reply to it; & send a large number of the reply to this calumny, addressed to leading Abolitionists. I also inclose a few names which may not be known to them, to whom it would be very desirable to send it. Hammond furnished me with some of them, for he has found his way much confused at heart by the dark & subtle insinuations of Mrs. A. Phelps. But it was with boundless sorrow that I heard Anna Waitewaite fully confirm the charge of infidelity against them. I had not been told this, but that they were to take an opportunity to let me finish it. It was worth while. What, in the first place the infidelity, if any, but fully proved, has to do with the abolitionism I cannot conceive. It would have been much more candid had some in the South proved, than all the newborn slave abolitionists, — but the ground on which A. B. attempts to substantiate her charge, seems to be equally fallacious — the test is on the Bar formed expression used by them at Mrs. Ball's. She says, it was also used at their house by — "that there was no true Christianity in this country, because there was no belief in the Incarnation of Christ in the heart of man"; which A.B. construes into setting up another Christ. Denying our Christian Revelation of the indwelling of Christ through His Holy Spirit in the hearts of believers, is what we all believe in, I suppose; — but I confess I cannot see the meaning of the term Incarnation, as used above. I yet could have put the interpretation upon it, which A.B. does. She also commented in strong language upon the views of "woman's rights" — a universal language we had since Isaac & Anna Waitewaite & their daughter Caroline's visit to this Town. A friend has told me, that they all three positively declare that their visit to this town was the occasion of "I think nothing at all of the cause of the slave, compared with that of woman's rights". How

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My dear Friend

Darlington, May 9th, 1841.

Although many weeks have elapsed since I last addressed thee, I trust it is needless to assure thee that thou hast been dearly & almost daily in my remembrance, in connexion with the noble cause of freedom, & those pure, lofty principles of truth & love, for which thou art enduring & suffering the keen reproach of time; & encheering, I truly believe, hundreds as a good soldier of Christ. I cannot tell thee how much (I) have wanted to say to thee, & sympathy have been awakened on thy account, since hearing of the wicked attempt to injure thy christian character by sundry slaves hastening a subscription of 20 dollars, on your side the Atlantic; & which I am grieved, to say, have found able abettors & unchristian coadjutors, on ours. But He who hath called thee into his service will, I doubt not, preserve thee in peace & safety, so long as a single eye is turned to His glory, & the advancement of His kingdom on Earth; trusting not in any strength of thine own, but hourly looking for his direction, strength & consolation from that heaven pointing source of help, which is ever open to those who seek it in sincerity & truth.

I have taken this large sheet, because I have many things which I wish to say, but regret that I have been uncomfortably driven almost to the last & scarce, therefore, be unable to fill it to my satisfaction - as I am compelled to send in much haste. First, let me assure thee our sorrow we learn thy letter by Ashhead was as all such communications are, tho' I hope we may long to encounter on thy valuable time, when such favours cannot be sustained, without infringing on higher duties. Please also to accept my heart felt thanks for the vol. of the "Liberator" which J.A. says he has for me, a more acceptable present could not have been made me. The box containing the reports &c arrived in safety & its various contents distributed according to your wishes; a large number of the reports have been disposed of in this County - some the warmest friends of the Public cause, & we hope back a good supply - & in fact I find the last annual Report of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery society is a most valuable document; & for the purpose, it must convince all of your integrity & truth even than Dr. J.A. Collins has also brought out a most convincing & excellent pamphlet, relative to the divisions - so that, I trust, a number will be brought to see things in their true light. I have no fear regarding those whose minds are free to think & judge for themselves; & experience has already proved, in many instances, that to such the truth is self-evident; but how large a proportion are in the trammels of prejudice & sectarianism!

I must not forget that immediately on the receipt of the 2 or 3 first letters of thine, I forwarded a copy of them to Jas. Cummings Esqr. with the request that he would hand me his honest opinion thereon - thinking that the sentiments of one so thoroughly, as he is, identified with the welfare of our Society, would have more weight with many, than the same from any other source. In consequence, he wrote me a very valuable